

Discussion Questions Course 310–2

Large Group

1. Is it easy to be patient while you are waiting?
2. Last time, we learned about the importance of spending time with Jesus. One way to do that is to worship Him, as we just did. What is another way to spend time with Jesus?
3. What do you think it means to wait upon the Lord?
4. In the Superbook adventure last time, what kind of record was Chris trying so hard to break?
5. What happened to keep him from breaking the record?
6. After hearing that Lazarus was sick, how many days did Jesus wait before He started on the journey to see him?
7. Were you surprised that Jesus did not immediately go to Lazarus? Please explain.

Small Group

Game

1. Before Lazarus was placed in the tomb, his body was wrapped in linen cloth to prepare him for burial. In the Bible, we can read of someone else who was prepared in this way. Do you know who this was?
2. What was different about Jesus and His grave clothes?

Teaching

1. Hold up the calendar. What could this represent that would be hard to wait patiently for?
2. Read the cooking time instructions. Why is it difficult to patiently wait for it to be done?
3. Can you name some other things that are hard to wait for?
4. What was hard for Mary and Martha to wait for?
5. Why do you think they may have grown impatient waiting?
6. Do you remember why Jesus waited?
7. Is there a waiting room for God, like a waiting room at the doctor's office or dentist's office?
8. Of all these characters, which ones do you think could be waiting on the Lord: the one playing basketball, typing on a computer, talking on a phone, praying, or playing an instrument?

Discipleship Challenge

1. As we run the race of life, who are we to focus on?
2. What will Jesus do when we keep our eyes on Him?

SuperVerse

1. This verse was written by David. Do you remember who he was?
2. David used two words to tell us how we must be when we wait; what are they?
3. What was it like to wait with your eyes closed and not know when the ball would be given to you?
4. How is the activity like waiting for an answer to prayer?

Prayer

1. David says something two times in the SuperVerse. Can you tell me what that is?
2. Why is patience important when we pray?

Additional Activities

Timing Game

1. What did Mary do when Jesus returned to Bethany?
2. What do you think the point of this game is?

Bible Study

Psalm 62:1–2, 5–8

1. In verse 1, how does the writer, David, wait?
2. In this verse, what do you think David's quiet waiting represents?
3. In verse 5, is David half-heartedly waiting?
4. In this passage, what verses are repeated, and what does that represent to you?
5. In verses 2 and 6, what does a fortress represent to you?
6. According to verse 7, who else does David trust to help?
7. In verse 8, when does David tell us to trust God?
8. David is waiting quietly before God, yet he instructs us to do something else; what is that?
9. Why should verse 8 be so comforting and encouraging to us?
10. Can you share a time you waited quietly for the Lord to answer a prayer?

Isaiah 40:31 (NKJV)

1. What is the result of waiting on the Lord?
2. What do you think it means to mount up with wings like eagles?
3. When we run or walk, what does the Lord do for us?
4. What does this verse reveal to us about waiting; is it always sitting still and doing nothing?

Proverbs 8:34–35

1. In verse 34, what can we experience when we wait on the Lord for wisdom?
2. How often did the writer wait on the Lord?
3. According to verse 34 then, should we only wait on the Lord in emergencies or when we have a specific need?
4. What do the words watching and listening reveal to us about waiting?
5. According to verse 35, what are the benefits or blessings we receive from consistently waiting on the Lord?

Optional discussion: To finish, let's talk a little more about our Bible story video.

1. Near the beginning of our video, why did the angry crowd want to stone Jesus? (See John 10:30, 33.)
2. Why were Jesus' disciples alarmed when He wanted to return to Judea to see Lazarus? (See John 11:8, 11–13.)
3. What was the reason Jesus said the people didn't believe in Him? (See John 10:25–26.)
4. Jesus is our Good Shepherd and we are His sheep. What did Jesus say about His sheep? (See John 10:27–29.)